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Space shuttle all set for 2nd liftoff today

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HOUSTON, Nov. 11 — Joe Engle and Richard Truly, the two astronauts who will fly the second mission of the space shuttle *Columbia*, left their training base in Houston Tuesday afternoon for Cape Canaveral, Florida for a second attempted launch on Thursday.

The flight originally scheduled for Nov. 4 was canceled with 31 seconds remaining before liftoff after clogged filters were discovered in two of *Columbia's* three auxiliary power units (APU). The APUs drive the hydraulic lines that swivel the spaceship's main engines and operate the landing gear, rudder and wing flaps. The units have since been drained, flushed, outfitted with new filters and refilled with 2½ quarts of oil.

Arriving at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida Tuesday in two separate T-38 jet planes, Engle, 49, and Truly, who will turn 44 on Thursday, drove the 30 miles to the Kennedy Space Center where they had dinner at the astronaut quarters, followed by a launch countdown status briefing. Wednesday they practiced emergency landings on a 15,000-foot runway near the launch pad in an aircraft which handles like the space shuttle.

According to officials at Kennedy Space Center, everything is progressing smoothly on the abbreviated countdown which began at 7 a.m. Central Standard Time Tuesday. NASA officials earlier decided that the beginning of the original countdown did not need to be repeated, so instead of starting from 73 hours, the clock started ticking at 35 hours. The count will actually be lengthened to more than 47½ hours, to include three planned holds totaling 12½ hours.

By all estimates the second attempted launch won't draw nearly as many as the 250,000 people who turned out last Wednesday. The audience last week included 3,000 VIP's made up of government officials as well as celebrities like singer John Denver and actor Robert Redford.

During the flight, Engle and Truly will test a Canadian-built remote manipulator system

that will be used on future flights to place satellites in orbit and to retrieve payloads for service. Also on board will be equipment to monitor the earth's atmosphere and search for valuable minerals such as oil.

Pre-launch preparations for launch hit a snag Wednesday morning when technicians tried twice and failed to operate an electronic device crucial for space-to-ground data communications. There also was a small leak in the ship's huge external fuel tank.

The countdown was still on course at mid-morning and officials hoped the problems could be corrected during an 11-hour scheduled "hold" later in the day. Launch target is 7:30 a.m. EST (1230 GMT) today.

The problem with the data unit was discovered early in the morning and a replacement was quickly flown to the cape from the Johnson Space Center here. It also failed, suggesting a more nettlesome problem than the unit itself.

"It is a key component to the entire avionics (electronics) system," said NASA spokesman Mark Hess. The instrument applies and analyzes data on board *Columbia* and transmits the data to mission officials.

"Engineers are continuing their testing of the orbiter's instrumentation system to determine precisely where the problem lies," a NASA statement said. The device is called a pulse code modulator.

While troubleshooting that problem, engineers noted a drop in pressure in the external fuel tank's liquid hydrogen system, indicating a leak. If there is a leak, it must be repaired before the tank is loaded overnight with super cold propellant. Officials monitored the weather as preparations went on.

IAEA warns of N-mishaps

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 11 (R) — There is always the possibility of a nuclear accident and the public must learn to accept the fact, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has said.

Sigvard Eklund of Sweden was presenting his final annual report to the IAEA general assembly after 20 years as director-general of the Vienna-based United Nations agency.

He said: "We accept the fact that a tanker may sink, that methane gas in some coal mine may catch fire or explode and an aircraft may crash. The public at large must learn to take in their stride the possibility of nuclear accidents also just as they accept other industrial accidents."

He raised the "grim possibility" of an armed conflict involving civil nuclear plants. Research reactors should be brought under a 1977 addition to the Geneva convention prohibiting military attacks against nuclear plants, he said.

Eklund, who had referred earlier to Israel's bombing last June of an Iraqi research reactor, said: "From recent experience, it is evident that unless effective precautionary measures are adopted at the international level, certain nuclear installations could become the target of hostilities."

"...One shudders to think of the consequences of military attacks on any of the 160 existing nuclear power reactors, or on the 300 research reactors."

Columbia delay cost \$2 million

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. Nov. 11 (AP) — The postponement of last week's flight of the space shuttle *Columbia* cost \$1.5 million, to \$2 million the National Aeronautics and Space Administration estimated Tuesday. (Related story page 7)

"It is difficult to provide an estimate in which we would have a high level of confidence," said Tom Newman, acting NASA Comptroller in Washington.

The \$1.5-2 million figure, he said, is a preliminary estimate of costs incurred solely because of the delay.

Those include replenishing the expensive launch propellants, additional overtime paid to launch and mission support contractors, reimbursement to the department of defense for launch and landing support and the expenses involved in fixing the hydraulic problem that caused the scrub.

At liftoff, the billion-dollar shuttle is loaded with more than a half-million gallons of liquid hydrogen, liquid oxygen and other fuels, costing \$389,600.

Excellent results from GCC summit

RIYADH, Nov. 11 (SPA) — The leaders of the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states Wednesday reiterated that the security and stability of the Gulf was the responsibility of the Gulf states themselves.

In a concluding statement Wednesday night, they opposed the attempts of the major powers to interfere in the affairs of the region. They stressed the need of keeping the region away from international tussles, especially from military fleets and alien bases in the interest of the peace and security of the world.

The statement said that the council discussed the Middle East situation and renewed its total support for the struggle of the Palestinian people to regain their inalienable right to self-determination and the establishment of an independent state on their land under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization. The GCC renewed its belief that a just peace in the Middle East can be achieved only with the withdrawal of Israel from all occupied Arab territories, including Holy Jerusalem, and the elimination of the Israeli settlements erected on the Arab lands.

The council reviewed the Arab and international reaction to the Kingdom's peace initiatives and decided to ask Saudi Arabia to include it in the agenda of the 12th Arab summit conference scheduled to be held in Morocco.

The council reviewed the current Arab situation and resolved that the member states exert real efforts to achieve the unity of Arab realms.

It also discussed the existing conflict between Iraq and Iran and expressed the hope that the peaceful efforts in this direction would be crowned with success. It reaffirmed its support for all efforts including those of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the non-aligned nations and the United Nations.

The council reviewed the situation in Afghanistan and its related risks on the security and independence of the region and on world peace, and reiterated its abidance by the resolutions of the Islamic conference in this behalf.

It made a review of the GCC economic treaty initiated by the finance and economy ministers in Riyadh June 8, and which was discussed by the ministerial council held in Taif between Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, 1981. The council considers that this significant step will remove the barriers from among the member states and reinforce ties among the peoples of the region on a firm basis that would lead to the unity of the region. It also considers that this is the ideal way to ensure progress and prosperity for all states of the GCC.

The council reviewed military cooperation

Unified economic agreement signed



GCC DELIBERATIONS: Two views of the heads of state from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Oman and Qatar as they met in Riyadh for their final discussions Wednesday.

Hussein plea on Saudi plan rejected

TEL AVIV, Nov. 11, (R) — Israel Wednesday dismissed a reported offer by Jordan's King Hussein to negotiate with it on the basis of Saudi Arabia's eight-point peace plan. Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir repeated Israel's rejection of the Saudi Arabian plan and told reporters: "We are prepared to negotiate with King Hussein only on the basis of the Camp David accord."

An unattributed report by Israel's state radio Wednesday said the United States had told Israel that King Hussein, who visited Washington last week, was now prepared to negotiate on the basis of the Saudi Arabian plan.

Shamir was speaking at Tel Aviv airport before flying to Cairo for further talks with Egypt and the United States on autonomy for Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Israel has insisted it cannot make more concessions that the accords allow. It has denounced the Saudi Arabian plan which calls for Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories occupied in 1967 and the creation of a Palestinian state.

The Camp David accords called for Jordanian participation with Israel and Egypt in the peace process. But King Hussein has so far refused to join it. The radio claimed that King Hussein had told President Reagan that if the U.S. adopted the Saudi Arabian plan he would publicly announce Jordan's readiness to enter negotiations with Israel based on Prince Fahd's proposals.

An Israeli official described the offer as meaningless.

U.S. stand on Fahd plan irks Israel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 11 (AP) — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Wednesday that Israel regretted President Ronald Reagan's statement giving partial approval to Saudi Arabia's Middle East peace plan, Israel radio reported. (See Reagan statement on back page.)

The state radio quoted Shamir as saying Israel would continue contacts with Washington in the hope the Reagan administration would accept Israel's position.

Shamir said Reagan's statement was regrettable, the radio reported. Shamir made

the comment as an Israeli delegation left for Cairo to resume negotiations on Palestinian autonomy in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Shamir was accompanied by Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and Interior Minister Yosef Burg for the two days talks with Egyptian and U.S. delegations.

An Israeli official who requested anonymity said Israel was "satisfied to a certain extent" that Reagan had reaffirmed strongly that the Camp David accords and U.N. Security Council resolution 242 of 1967 were the basis for peace negotiations in the Middle East.

Brandt denies double agent charge

BONN, Nov. 11 (AFP) — Former Chancellor Willy Brandt has described as "baseless" allegations by syndicated U.S. columnist Jack Anderson that he spied in the 1950's for both the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Soviet KGB, the weekly *Stern* reports in its issue on sale Thursday.

Brandt, head of the Socialist International, was questioned by *Stern* in connection with reports by Anderson, also published in *Thursday's Stern*, that in West Berlin in the 1950's he was a paid CIA-KGB double agent and supplied the CIA with "sensational" information about East Germany and the Soviet Union. Anderson cited as his sources four former CIA agents.

The reports said that Brandt had continued to entrust secret documents to his private secretary, Guenter Guillaume, even after he had been warned that Guillaume was a suspected spy.

(Brandt resigned the chancellorship in May 1974, admitting he had known for some


months of the suspicions against Guillaume. Subsequently jailed as an East German agent. Last Oct. 1, Guillaume was handed over to East Germany as part of a deal to allow some 3,000 East Germans visit their families in the West.)

Stern said that in 1977, President Jimmy Carter described as baseless allegations by reporter Bob ("Watergate") Woodward that Brandt had spied for the CIA. But according to Anderson, as quoted by *Stern*, not only Brandt but also his Social-Democratic Party received CIA money until 1956.

The magazine also quoted Anderson's chief assistant, Dale Van Atta, as saying their contacts had decided to "talk" because they feared that Brandt might stand as candidate to succeed Helmut Schmidt if Schmidt resigns the chancellorship.

Stern said that Brandt's enemies in Washington "have long suspected the ex-chancellor of wanting to conduct the most faithful ally of the U.S. into neutrality."

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Plan set to reorganize university departments

MAKKAH, Nov. 11 (SPA) — After the recent royal approval for introducing three new colleges at Makkah's Ummul Qura University, the distribution of departments in its present colleges will be reorganized, according to the university's pro-vice-chancellor Dr. Rashed Al-Rajeh Wednesday.

The three colleges approved for the newly-established university include religious studies, Arabic language and applied sciences. The previous department of religious studies will go to the religious studies college, and the same will be done with the Arabic language department. All applied science departments formerly associated with the College of Education will be grouped at the applied sciences and engineering college, Dr. Rajeh said.

He added that some other departments also will be reorganized after studying their curricula and plans. The studies will be submitted to concerned councils for approval. Dr. Rajeh also said that regular study at Taif's College of Education has begun for this semester. However, departments to be incorporated in a college, which has been affiliated to Ummul Qura University this year, have not been specified yet, according

Saudia gets jet engines

JEDDAH, Nov. 11 (SPA) — Saudia has recently purchased RB211-524 Rolls Royce engines at a total cost of £700 million to be used in its 747 Boeing aircraft. It was announced here Wednesday. Saudia was the first airline to finance the RB211-524 engine used on its Tristar planes. The national carrier's orders for this particular engine represent 50 percent of the RB211-524 total sales.

to Dr. Rajeh. The college was affiliated to Jeddah's King Abdul Aziz University before Ummul Qura University's establishment this year.

Ummul Qura was an affiliate college of the KAU. A royal decree was issued earlier this year approving its formation as an independent university and later a decision was issued to link Taif's college to Ummul Qura.

Speaking about the affiliate institutes of Ummul Qura, Dr. Rajeh said that one such, is the Arabic language institute which caters for 500 students of both sexes. The institute's women's section includes a department for non-Arabs. He added that all departments of the university's colleges have sections for girls at the female students' premises, "with the exception of some departments which do not suit the nature of a woman," he said.

Ummul Qura also has several specialist centers while some are still under consideration. The operational centers include the scientific research and Islamic culture revival center, the psychological and educational research center and the educational methods center.

Dr. Rajeh said that more than 6,000 students have been enrolled for the first semester. The admission applications came much more than expected, forcing the admission department to put conditions for acceptance so as not to enroll more than its capacity, thereby affecting the general academic level, he added.

Discussing the university's future projects, Dr. Rajeh said that they include additional housing units, a building for administration and a printing press. He described the present stage of the university's life as one of "coordinating and planning for a future to be based on well studied scientific principles."

Maldivian leader

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RIYADH, Nov. 11 (SPA) — King Khalid cabled his congratulations Wednesday to Maldivian president Mamoun Abdul Qayyoom on the national day of his country.

The royal cable wished enduring health and happiness for the Maldivian leader and continued progress and prosperity for the brotherly people of Maldives.

U.N. official pats Saudi Arabia for ecology balance

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 11 — Naim Qaddah, special adviser for Arab affairs to the United Nations' environmental program executive director, held talks here with various officials to promote cooperation between the Kingdom and the U.N. program.

The U.N. official, who arrived in Riyadh last Thursday on an eight-day visit, commended the measures undertaken by the Kingdom to protect environment. Qaddah met with officials in charge of environment affairs and discussed the drafting of a mutual plan for effective environment information which would provide guidance on linking the development process with an environmental balance.

In a statement issued by the United Nations Environment Program's regional office Wednesday, Qaddah said he had met with Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz, honorary assistant secretary general of the United Nations and special envoy for UNICEF. Cooperation between the U.N. environment program and the AGFUND (Arab Gulf program for the U.N. development organizations) was the center of their talks.

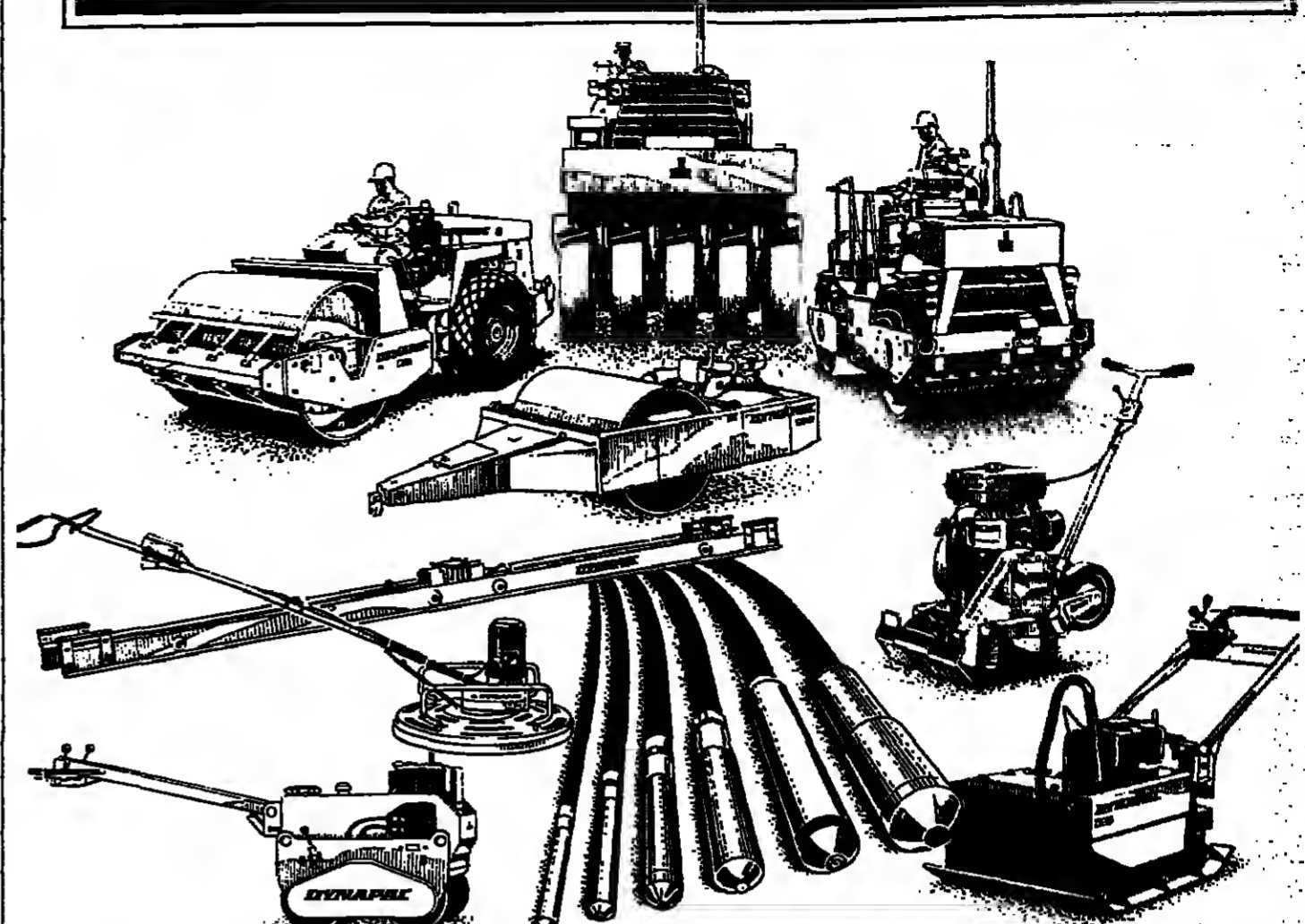
Qaddah also met with Dr. Abdullah Al-Quwair, assistant secretary general of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), and officials of the Saudi Fund for Development, the Arab Investment Company and the Islamic Development Bank. He held talks with Sheikh Rumaih Mansour Al-Rumaih, director general of meteorology and environment protection; Dr. Abdullah Al-Gain, the deputy director general; and officials of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden maritime environment protection program.

Mosque repair okayed

MADINAH, Nov. 11 (SPA) — Steps will be taken to bring a uniformity in the minarets of the Holy Prophet's Mosque in Madinah, it was announced by Sheikh Abdul Malik ibn Duhaish, deputy director general of the Holy Harams, here Wednesday.

He said that the Bab Al-Salam minaret will have three stories similar to those of the other minarets, and added that the King has approved the repairs to the minarets at a total cost of SR7.36 million.

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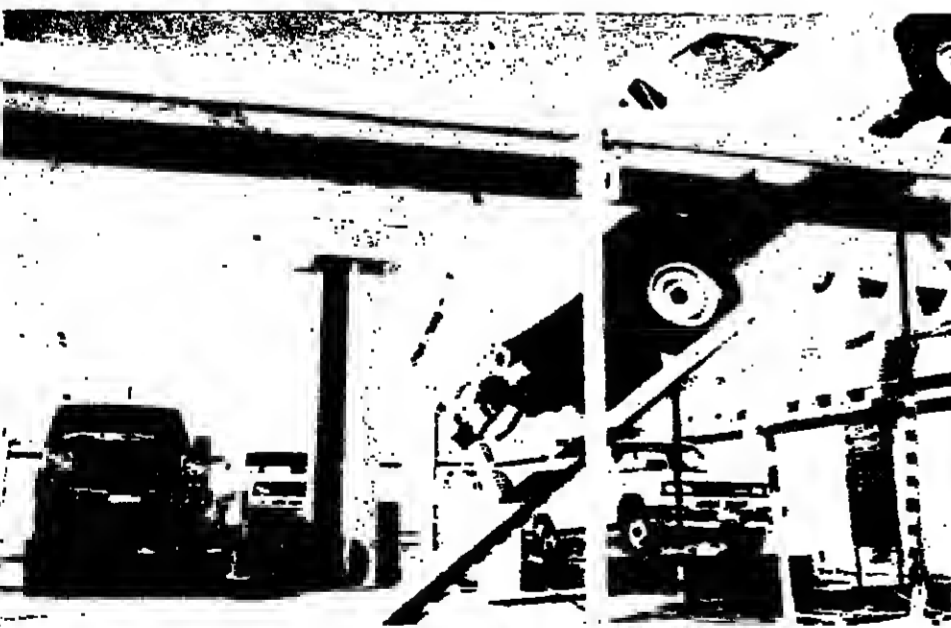
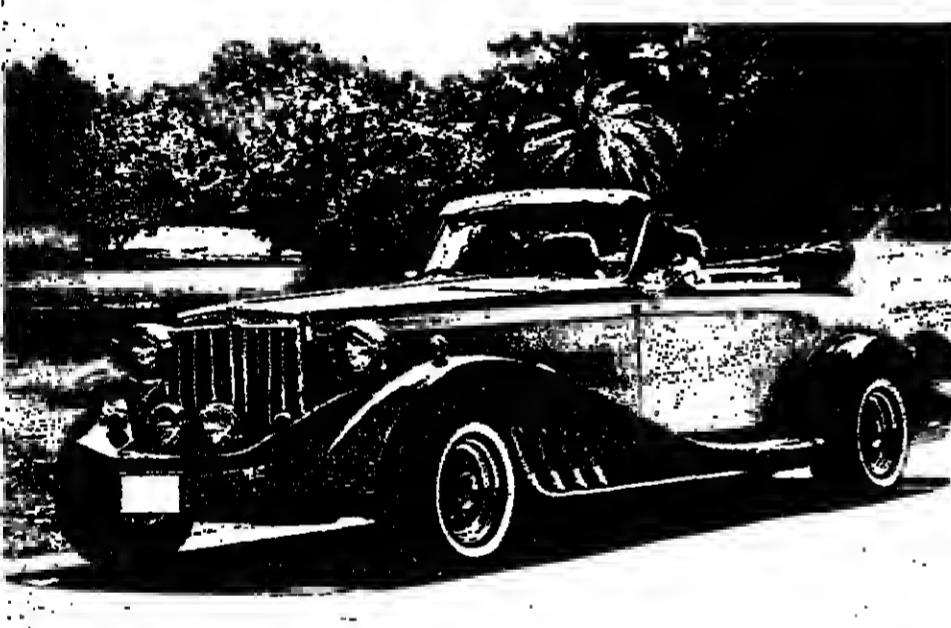
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Health minister visits Baha medical complex

BAHA, Nov. 11 (SPA) — Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi Wednesday inspected the first phase of the Baha medical complex which went into service Tuesday.

The complex is composed of a hospital of 355 beds which will be put in complete operation within the next four months. It is one of the five hospitals built by the Health Ministry in Hofuf, Alkhobar, Madinah, Jeddah and Jizan. They offer complete health services and have facilities for delicate surgery.

The minister inspected all sections of the hospital to acquaint himself with the sophisticated equipment and machinery, and urged the doctors to exert every possible effort for the comfort of patients.

Following the visit, Jazairi said in a statement that the health ministry has completed the furnishing of the five major hospitals in the Kingdom. He added that hospitals in Tabuk, Hail, Najran, Jubail and Qatif were now being equipped, in addition to major 500-bed hospitals in Makkah, Abha and Buraidah; 20 smaller hospitals of 20-bed

capacity; two 50-bed hospitals in Fursan and Sharoura; a 200-bed hospital in Kharj and a large 1,401-bed medical complex in Riyadh. Bids for these hospitals will be opened after two months, he said, adding that tenders will be invited soon for a hospital project in Dammam and a 50-bed hospital in Qalwah.

Referring to the role of preventive medicine, Jazairi said that his ministry has undertaken a crash program to eliminate all epidemics and other diseases in the Kingdom.

He added that the ministry will set up a number of anti-bilharziasis units in the areas in which this disease is rampant.

Baha Governor Sheikh Ibrahim Al Ibrahim, who was accompanying the minister, expressed his pleasure and satisfaction over the hospital project which, he said, would render valuable service to the people of the area and other neighboring zones. At the conclusion of the inspection tour, the governor held a luncheon party in honor of the health minister.

Gulf chambers seek place at GCC

DAMMAM, Nov. 11 (SPA) — The Federation of Gulf Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture is planning to contact officials of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) to lay down principles for the federation's representation at the council and its economic committees. The federation, which represents the private sector, is also seeking an observer's status at the GCC.

The federation's council will meet in Taif in March, 1982. It decided to form a committee, led by Muhammad Yusuf Jalal, president of Bahrain chamber of commerce and industry and the federation's chairman, to contact the GCC on the principle of representation.

Relocating of foreigners discussed

JEDDAH, Nov. 11 (SPA) — The Higher Coordination Committee for Jeddah met here Wednesday under Dr. Abdul Majeed Daghistani, its chairman, and discussed concentration of foreign workers at certain places in the city.

The meeting was attended by government departments and representatives of companies operating in Jeddah. The issue was placed before the consulting companies to

federation's secretary general, said that the question of differences in prices of commodities exported to the Gulf region was discussed at the federation's meeting in Dubai. The meeting, attended by Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Oman, decided on the move in an attempt to determine the reasons for the discrimination in regard to import prices compared to other parts of the world.

The federation's council recommended Gulf states pay more attention to national productive companies' need for the development of the region rather than establishing speculation companies which do not serve the economies of Gulf countries.

make them abide by Interior Ministry's regulations which prohibits dealing with such workers.

The committee also discussed the problem of sewage water overflowing in the streets and its negative effects. The committee urged people to comply with Makkah Governor Prince Majeed's instructions in this regard, which call for cutting water from houses which cause leakage of sewage.

MWL body to meet in Paris

MAKKAH, Nov. 11 (SPA) — Muslim World League Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan will leave for Paris Saturday to attend meetings of the World Supreme Council for Mosques' board.

The meeting, to be held on European countries' level, will last three days. Harakan said Wednesday that council members from France, Britain, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Belgium, Spain, Germany, Yugoslavia and Italy will attend the meeting.

The delegates will discuss various topics including membership applications to the council, training courses and their results,

several issues related to Islamic ideology, *Dawa* (call to Islam), mosques' conditions, Islamic education and printing and interpretation of the Holy Qur'an.

Harakan said that he will open the MWL mosque in Paris which can accommodate 9,000 persons, besides being able to organize training courses, he added.

Later in the day, Harakan met a group of Bangladeshi doctors recruited by the MWL to work at refugee camps in Somalia.

Meanwhile, MWL Assistant Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Safwat Al-Saqqah said that the secretariat general will brief the doctors on the work.

Meteorology talks on Officials study new plan

JEDDAH, Nov. 11 (SPA) — The directors of meteorology and environment protection departments continued their meeting here Wednesday under the chairmanship of Dr. Abdullah Al-Gain, deputy director general of meteorology and environment protection. The meeting opened Tuesday to discuss implementation of a new operation plan for the departments across the Kingdom.

Dr. Al-Gain said after the meeting that the plan relies on Saudi Arabian personnel in the first place with assistance from foreign experts. The move aims at gaining the highest degree of skill by the nationals. The organ-

izational structure for the meteorology and environmental protection directorate was also discussed. The prime issues were related to the use of computers, financial affairs, personnel and telecommunication.

Discussions also dealt with the proposed national center in regard to research, analysis, forecasting and its methods. Regarding environment protection, environmental standards and the human environments were discussed, Dr. Gain said.

The directors also talked on cooperation between the directorate and the Kingdom's universities.

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Israeli repression fails to stem W.Bank protests

TEL AVIV, Nov. 11 (Agencies)—Arrests and bitter repression have failed to stem some of the toughest opposition Israel has encountered in the West Bank since it occupied the territory in 1967, with protests running into the 11th day.

Early Wednesday, Israeli troops shut down shops whose owners defied a strike ban Tuesday. The shop shutters were welded closed and will stay that way for 50 days. Also, troops stood guard outside other establishments to force their owners to keep them open.

In Bethlehem, the rector of the university was warned that if students continued to boycott classes and cause disturbances in the town, his college would be closed down by military decree like Bir Zeit, the main university center in the West Bank, ordered closed until further notice.

The trouble began on Nov. 1 when an Israeli civil servant, Menahem Milson, took over the administration of the occupied territory from the army. All administrative posts are to be taken over by civilians by the end of this month.

Some jobs were eventually expected to go to local residents, and Israel put the switch forward as an attempt to create a "new

atmosphere" in the West Bank. But it is seen by Palestinians as an attempt to thwart self-determination with minor concessions toward autonomy.

A curfew was still in force in Kalandiya, north of Jerusalem and one was ordered in Beit Sahur near Bethlehem Wednesday, after molotov cocktails were thrown at Israeli military vehicles Tuesday.

Military authorities have reacted with a chain of arrests, rounding up Palestinian community leaders ranging from Samir Kaatbeh, chairman of the West Bank Doctors' Union, to Akram Hanneh, editor of the East Jerusalem newspaper *Al-Shaab*, Bar Association President Jiries Khury, and engineers' Association President Ibrahim Dakka.

Meanwhile, four Palestinian commandos were found guilty Wednesday of the 1980 slaying of six Israeli settlers in the West Bank town of Hebron, the worst attack ever on Israelis living in the occupied territory.

Pandemonium broke out in the military courtroom in Nablus when the prosecution asked for life imprisonment rather than the death penalty. After the session enraged settlers tried to assault the defense attorney and an observer from the International Red Cross.

Egypt, Israel resume autonomy talks

CAIRO, Nov. 11 (R) — Egyptian and Israeli ministers were due to make a new attempt Wednesday to narrow their differences over a form of autonomy for Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Although no breakthrough is expected, both sides say they hope to reach an agreement on general principles before next April, when Israel hands back the remaining third of the Sinai peninsula.

The talks are being held amid growing international interest in a Saudi Arabian peace plan which goes beyond the Camp

David accords signed by Egypt and Israel. The negotiating teams are to discuss details of a proposed autonomous council for the two occupied areas.

The semi official newspaper *Al-Ahram* said Egypt would make extensive demands for confidence-building measures. The measures included reopening the Bir Zeit Palestinian University which was closed last Wednesday, reestablishing representative West Bank bodies and abolishing unnecessary restrictions on political and trade union activity.

Egypt denies plan to buy Soviet arms

CAIRO, Nov. 11 (AFP) — Defense Minister Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala Wednesday denied reports that Egypt planned to buy arms from the Soviet Union. In an interview with *Al-Akbar* newspaper here, the general added that Egypt had diversified its sources of weapons to include Communist

countries such as China and Yugoslavia, noting that "such countries do not attach political conditions to arms supplies".

On Sunday, the Kuwaiti daily, *Al-Sassat* had quoted the defense minister as saying that Egypt "did not rule out buying arms from the Soviet Union".

Pakistan urges talks on peace pact with India

NEW DELHI, Nov. 11 (AFP) — Pakistan Wednesday suggested consultations with India to work out the details of a "nonaggression" pact between the two countries. The Pakistani Embassy in a press statement here rejected recent statements by Indian government leaders that no formal proposal for such a pact had been received from Islamabad.

The embassy admitted that the offer had been made only verbally through the Indian ambassador on Sept. 15 last but maintained that "in diplomatic practice, communications made verbally are not only as formal but frequently more so than written communications."

It regretted the "constructive idea" for such a pact had not been "appreciated (in India) so far in a proper context."

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had earlier expressed serious doubts about the genuineness of the Pakistani offer, pointing out that Islamabad was acquiring sophisticated weaponry, apparently from the U.S., and at the same time talking about a no-war accord.

The embassy statement said it might be better to write a draft of nonaggression guarantees only after consultations. It argued that the 1972 Simla Accord between India and Pakistan was drafted after an extensive exchange of views between the two governments.

Soviet premier congratulates Iran's Musavi

MOSCOW, Nov. 11 (AP) — Soviet Premier Nikolai Tikhonov has congratulated his Iranian counterpart Mir Hossein Musavi for appointment to his post and received a telegram in response, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported Tuesday. Musavi won a parliamentary confidence vote on Oct. 29, and his cabinet was formally approved Nov. 2.

The Tass report of the exchange came as Iranian officials lashed out at the Soviet Union for its continuing military presence in Afghanistan, and at the United States for conducting maneuvers in Egypt.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko discussed bilateral ties Tuesday with Iranian Ambassador in Moscow Muhammad Mokri, Tass said, adding that the talks were held on Iranian request.

"During the meeting the two sides discussed Soviet-Iranian relations and certain international problems of mutual interest to the Soviet Union and Iran," Tass said.



CHAD FIGHTERS: A commander of the Armed Forces of the North of former Chad Defense Minister Hissene Habre seen training a fighter in the Quaddai province of Chad. Habre's forces are fighting against the government of President Goukouni.

As Libyan withdrawal continues

Fierce fighting grips Chad

NDJAMENA, Nov. 11 (Agencies) — Fierce fighting broke out early Wednesday in eastern Chad between the Armed Forces of the North (FAN) of rebel former Defense Minister Hissene Habre, and troops of the Revolutionary Democratic Council of Foreign Minister Ahmat Ayl, sources said here.

The fighting, centered on the towns of Iriba and Adre, near the Sudanese border, followed two days of infiltration across the border by the FAN, the sources said. The number of troops involved and details of their weapons were not known.

Iriba, Adre and Guereda were among the first towns to be evacuated by Libyan troops following Libya's decision on Nov. 3 to pull out at the request of Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei. Ahmat's forces, which are generally considered pro-Libyan, had taken over control of the towns after the Libyans left.

No comment from the government was available on the resumption of internal fighting, and it was not known if the decision announced almost a month ago to send 300 men of each faction making up the government to eastern Chad had been put into effect.

The FAN were thrown out of Ndjamena at the beginning of this year after violent fighting when President Goukouni called on the Libyans for aid.

In the meantime, a Libyan commander has said that all Libyan troops and military equipment will be on the way out of Chad by the end of the week. Col. Radwan Saleh said Tuesday during a conversation at his residence here that some of the troops and equipment would remain in the Aouzou strip, an area in northern Chad claimed and occupied by Libya since 1973. He would not say how long they intended to stay.

The Libyan officer declined to say how many troops were already on the move north or how many have been stationed in this Central Africa nation since they intervened on the side of Goukouni in last year's civil war.

BRIEFS

CAIRO (R) — American tanks and armor have arrived in the Mediterranean port of Alexandria to join up with U.S. paratroops preparing for joint maneuvers with Egyptian forces. Egyptian tank-transporters will take a sealed-off desert road south toward Cairo as units of the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force move into Egypt.

BEIRUT (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat arrived in Baghdad Wednesday for talks with President Saddam Hussein and other Iraqi leaders, the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

DAMASCUS (AP) — The Syrians have

elected a new parliament dominated by President Hafez Assad's ruling Socialist Baath Party, Interior Minister Maj. Gen. Nasereddin Nasser announced Wednesday. Final results announced by Nasser at a news conference showed Baathists won at least 60 percent of the seats.

TEL AVIV (AFP) — The Egyptian authorities have said they are against European charter planes using Etzion airport near Eilat, when Israel quits the Sinai region next April 25, the Israeli ministry for Sinai said Wednesday.

Waldheim bullish on Afghanistan settlement

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 11 (AP) — U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has said that although U.N. mediation efforts had yet to produce a breakthrough, he remained hopeful of an eventual political solution of the Afghanistan problem.

In a report to the U.N. General Assembly Tuesday, Waldheim said a series of consultations he and his special representative held with Afghan and Pakistani leaders "have shown that the approach adopted can indeed facilitate the search for a fair political solution, which will ensure that the Afghan people will be able to determine their own destiny, free from foreign intervention and interference."

The main roadblock to arranging direct talks between the two feuding neighbors, Waldheim said, was that "differences still remained on the question of the format of future negotiations."

This was a reference to Pakistan's refusal to recognize the Kremlin-installed Afghan regime of Babrak Karmal as long as 85,000 Soviet troops remained in Afghanistan. Pakistan has said it was willing to consider participation in talks with a representative of Afghanistan's ruling People's Democratic Party.

Afghanistan, in turn, has called for trilateral talks on a governmental level that also would include Iran. The Kabul government has accused its two neighbors of aiding Muslim freedom fighters opposing Afghan and Soviet troops.

500 Ethiopians killed, EPLF says

BEIRUT, Nov. 11 (R) — Eritrean rebels fighting the Ethiopian government for the independence of the northern Eritrea province said they had killed 500 Ethiopian troops in a counter-offensive launched two days ago.

In a communique issued here Tuesday, the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) also said it wounded 615 government soldiers and captured 23 in the action in the Barka district of northwest Eritrea.

The EPLF, largest of the four main Eritrean fighter groups, said it had dislodged government forces from strategic positions and forced them to retreat in disarray. The battles were still raging, it added.

The communique said that on Nov. 5, EPLF anti-aircraft units shot down an Ethiopian Soviet-made MiG-23 fighter, which crashed at Merhano near the provincial capital Asmara.

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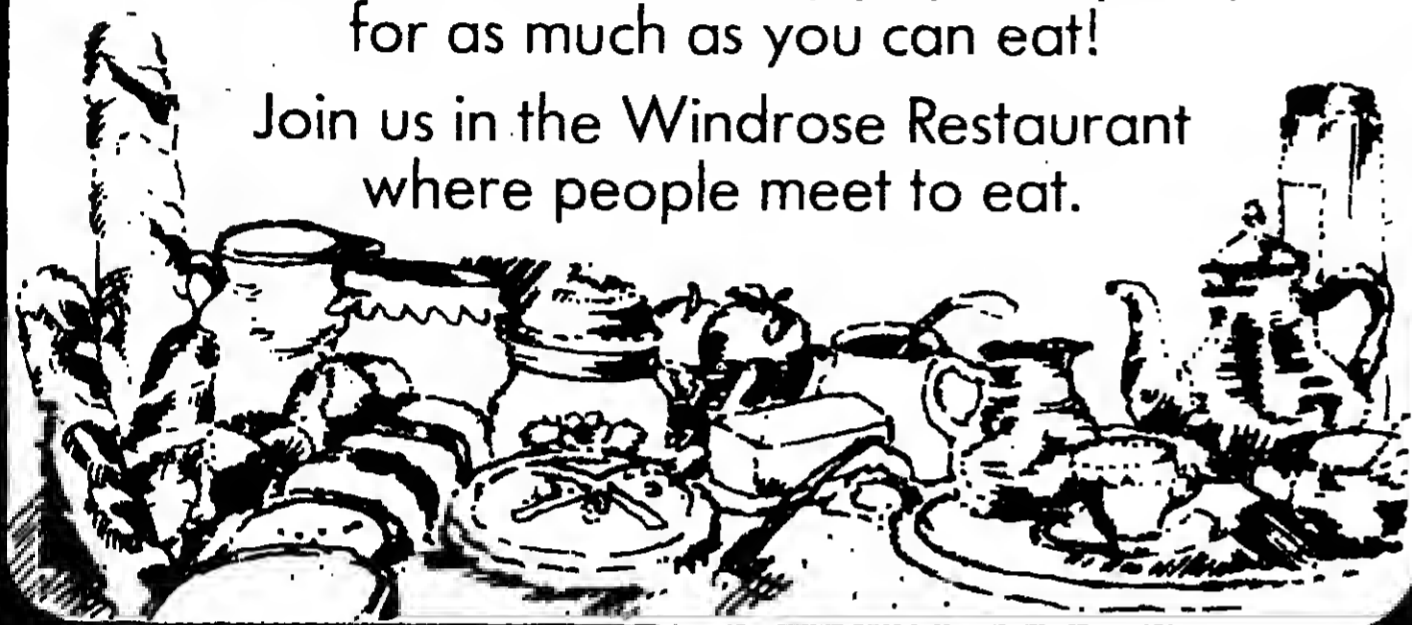
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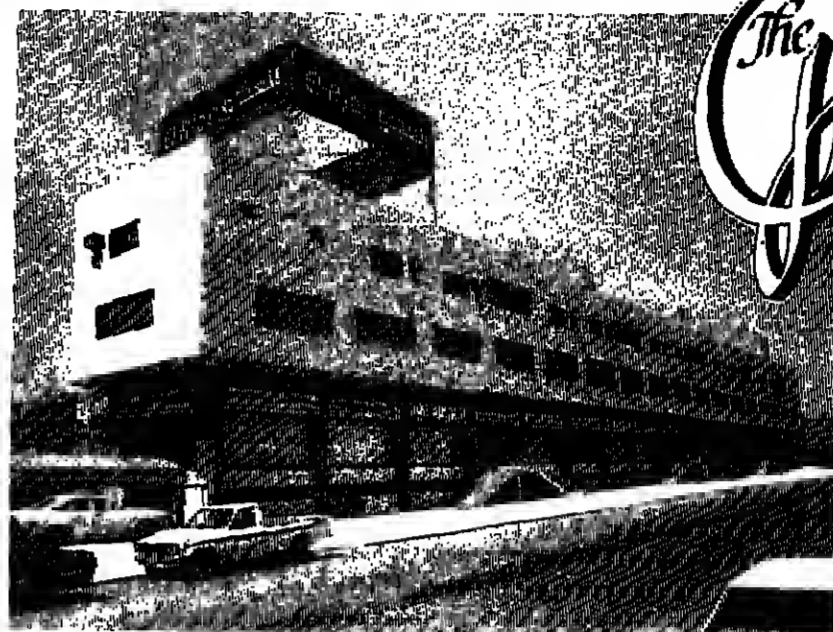


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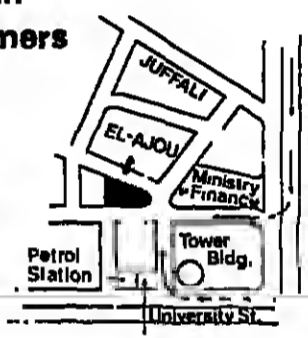
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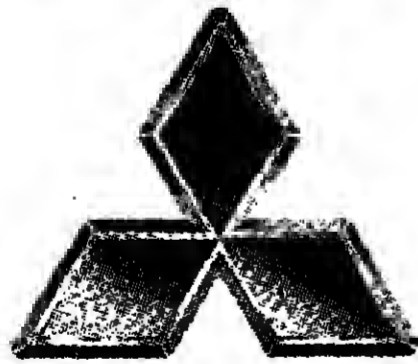
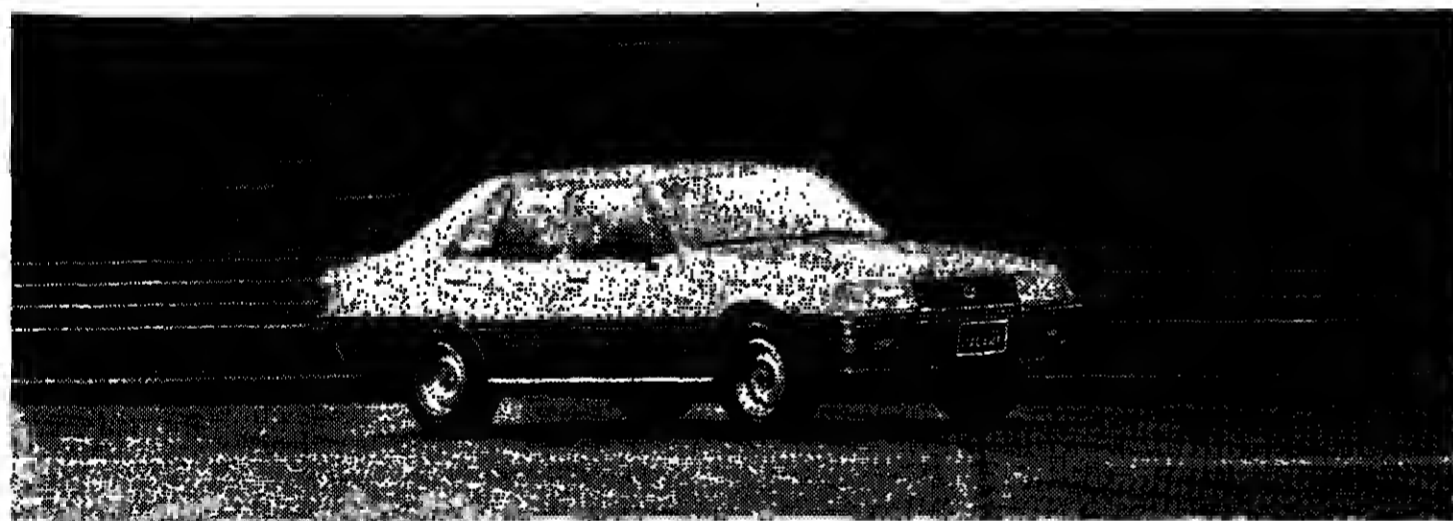
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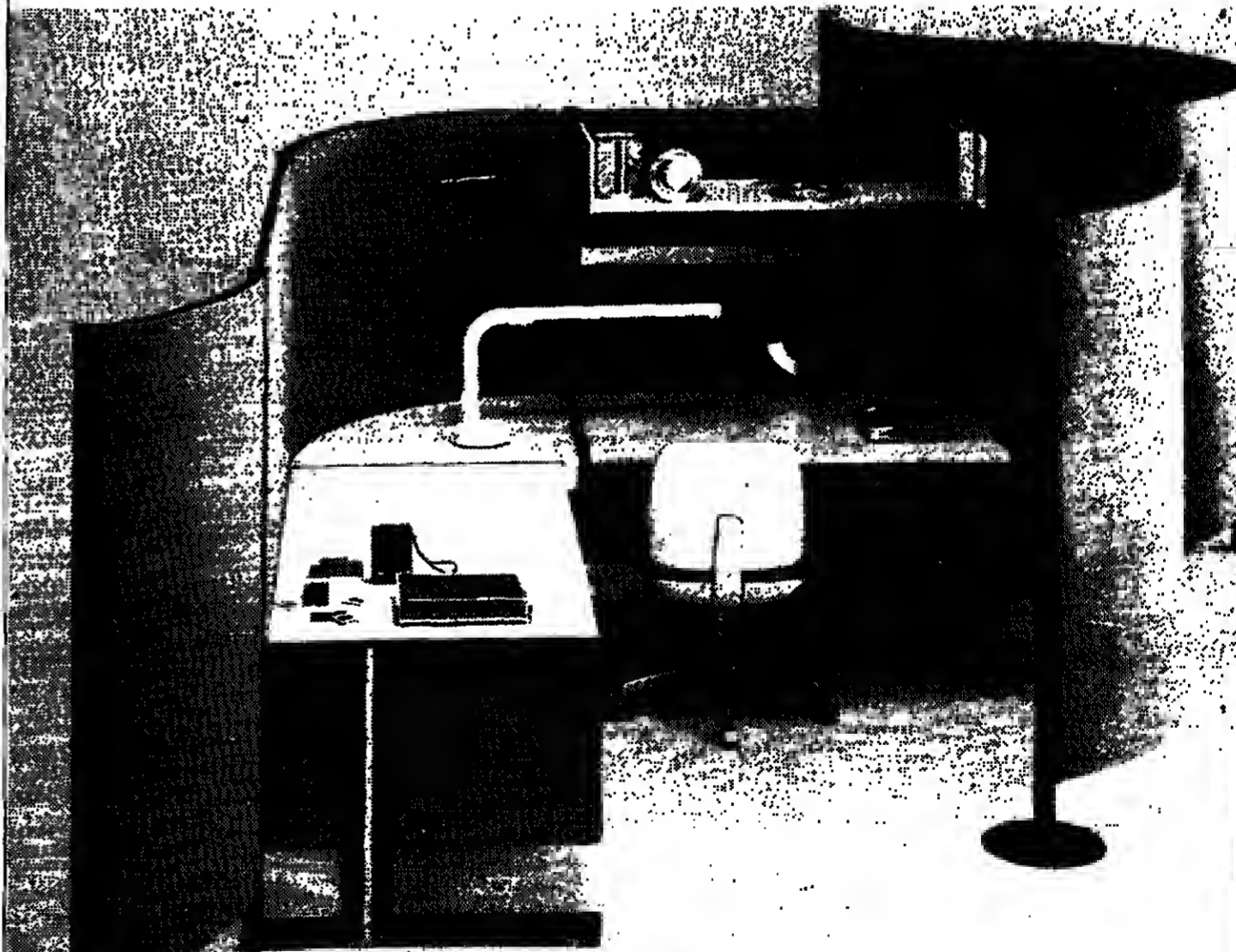
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Language rift splits Switzerland's people

By W. Joseph Campbell

FRIBOURG, Switzerland (AP) — For centuries, the inhabitants of this 800-year-old city east of the murky and snaky Sarine River have had the reputation of being an industrious, punctual and fastidious people. They grow up speaking inscrutable German dialects, read somber-looking newspapers and call themselves Schweizer.

It's another story to the west of the river, where for roughly 100 miles (160 km), the people are seen, typically, as more spontaneous and creative, less authoritarian and less given to heart attacks. They speak French, read newspapers that have red and blue headlines and call themselves Suisses.

The people divided by the 180-mile (290-km) river are, adamantly, Swiss. And yet, as the well-established stereotypes indicate, Switzerland's leading linguistic families are increasingly estranged. In a country commonly considered the world's model of linguistic coexistence, the language and cultural differences are frequently cited as contributing to a much-discussed national "malaise."

Switzerland has four national languages: German, French, Italian and a near-extinct descendant of the Caesars' Latin, Rhaeto-Romanisch.

German — or, precisely, the native "Schwyzerdütsch" dialects — is the mother tongue of nearly 75 percent of Switzerland's 5.5 million native population.

French is the first language in western Switzerland, a region commonly called Romandie, where 20 percent of the Swiss live.

Italian is the native tongue of about five percent of the Swiss. Fewer than one percent speak Rhaeto-Romanisch. Their numbers oblige them to master one or both of the other national languages.

Typically, few French-speaking Swiss claim a fluent knowledge of Hochdeutsch, or "HHH" German, not to mention Schwyzerdütsch, which even non-Swiss German speakers find scarcely intelligible.

The German-speaking Swiss, on the other hand, tend to have at least a passable knowledge of French, which they speak with engaging, sing-song inflection.

Indications are, however, they prefer learning English to French. A survey conducted last year among German-speaking Swiss youths showed that 66 percent of more than 1,000 respondents considered English more vital than French. English, in fact, is often called the second working language of German-speaking Zurich, Switzerland's largest city and financial capital.

The extent of the dwindling interest in national languages and its implications have not escaped official attention. Switzerland's

seven-man executive council said in its 1980 report that the "reduced knowledge of national languages (is as common) on the German-speaking side as the French."

The prevailing use of Schwyzerdütsch in German-speaking areas and the weakening interest in Romandie for mastering German, "renders communication more laborious when the needs for understanding each other are becoming more pressing," the executive council said.

"Knowledge of national languages is essential to the confederation's cohesion," it said. "Consequently, learning and using national languages in Switzerland is today more important than ever."

It is customary nowadays for commentators describing the relations between the linguistic families to invoke the word "fosse" in French or "graben" in German. The words — which in English mean "trench" — symbolize the linguistic and cultural division.

The division is often conspicuous in national referenda, notably last year's vote on obligatory use of seatbelts in passenger cars.

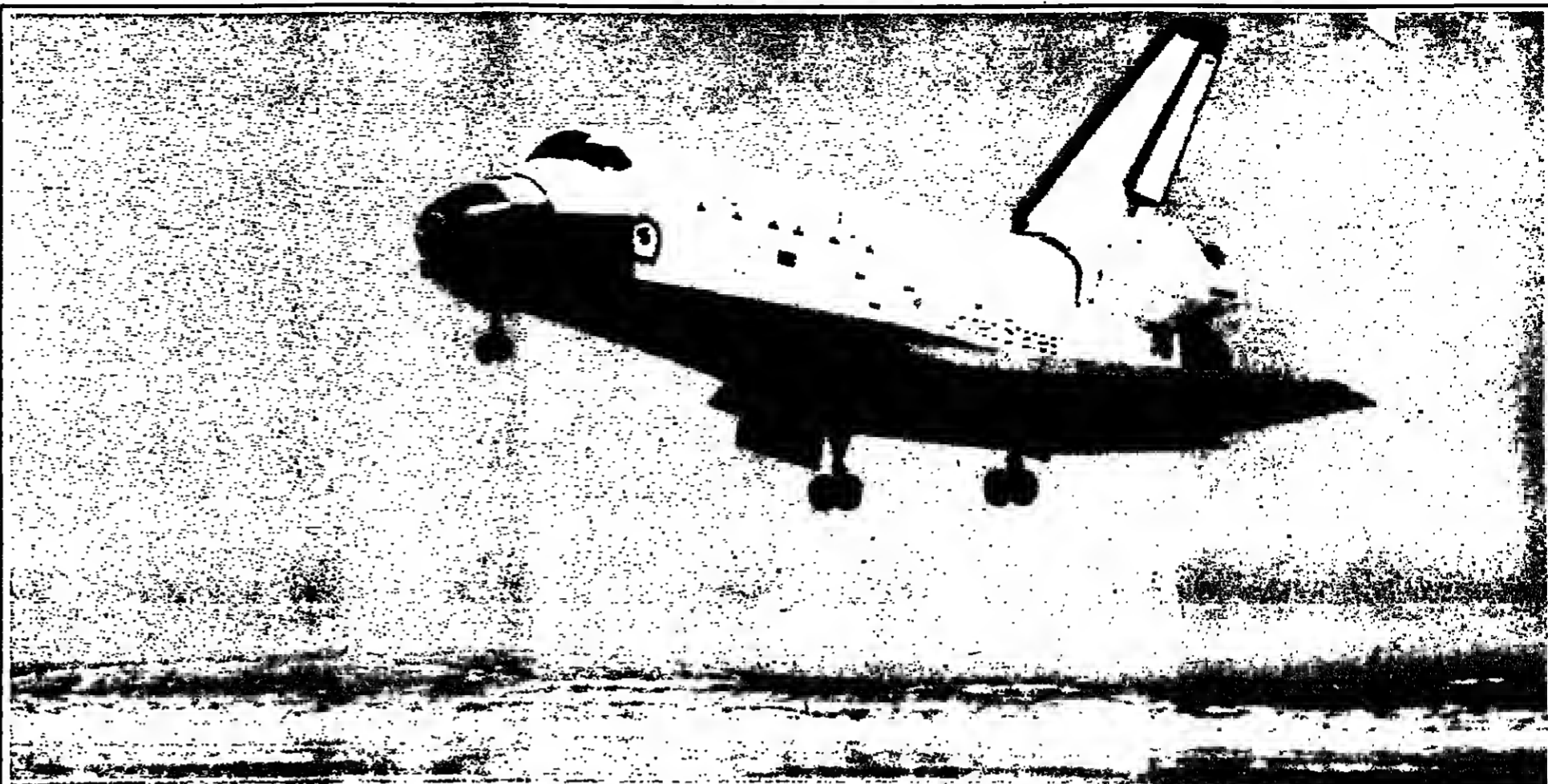
The French-speaking Swiss widely interpreted the measure as a distasteful intrusion by the state and voted heavily against it. The issue carried, however, because of majorities rolled up in German-speaking Switzerland, where safety is an obsession.

The division is also evident in the workaday world, where the German-speaking Swiss are preeminent. Eighteen of Switzerland's 20 leading companies, as ranked by annual sales — and 85 of the top 100 firms — have headquarters in the German-speaking region, most in or near the industrial cities of Zurich, Basel and Olten.

The economic dominance can be attributed, in part, to the commercial superiority of the German-speaking Swiss. Another factor is their well-known industriousness, which the French-speaking Swiss grudgingly admire but say they wouldn't trade for their own "savior vivre" — enjoyment of life.

Surveys indicate, nonetheless, that the imbalance — and the notion that Romandie is becoming something of an "economic colony" — contributes to the much-discussed but ill-defined national malaise. A poll conducted for Switzerland's German-language television station and published early this year said 63 percent of the French-speaking Swiss respondents and many of the German-speakers sensed a bilateral malaise.

The feeling is grounded in unfamiliarity, or a benign neglect. Contacts between the linguistic groups tend to be infrequent, and it's not unusual to encounter youths in Zurich who are more familiar with the west coast of the United States than with Geneva, Switzerland's largest French-speaking city.



COLUMBIA LANDING: Despite the success of the first space shuttle, enthusiasm for the program has been waning in U.S. official circles. Pentagon spokesmen, for example, call the Columbia "a \$15 billion white elephant." The recent delays in the vehicle's latest launch make it even more unpopular.

Budget cut severely

Pentagon upset, Columbia flop loses customers

By William Scobie

VANDERBERG AIR FORCE BASE, California — In the scrubby hills and sand dunes of this remote Pacific headland 50 miles from Ronald Reagan's western White House, a two-billion-dollar spaceport is rising. The mini-city of hangers, shops and houses, dominated by a towering launch ramp, will be the base from which the space shuttle's secret military missions are launched.

But while construction proceeds at Space Launch Complex 6 on the sprawling Vandenberg military reserve, enthusiasm for "Battlestar Columbia" appears to be waning in the Pentagon.

This week's humiliating postponement of the shuttle's second flight (the third such setback since Sept. 30) has done nothing to reassure those among the Pentagon brass who call the craft "a \$15 billion white elephant."

"Some air force generals would like to see the shuttle die an early death, despite its

success last April," said Congressman Edward Boland, chairman of the House sub-committee overseeing NASA programs. "It suffers from the 'not-invented-here' syndrome."

The ruddy, reusable "space bus" suffers from more than that, charge some air force officers. Three years behind schedule and 40 percent over budget, the Columbia's problems have set back its first military mission for five years, from a scheduled 1980 lift-off to a questionable 1985.

Already testing of two secret new spy satellite systems, designed for transport in the Columbia's cargo bay, has been delayed. Air force sources say these must now be modified for launch by conventional rocket — at a costly \$75 million a shot.

Once NASA officials talked of seeding the shuttle back into orbit every two weeks. This "turn-around" time is crucial to its cost-effectiveness: The more shuttle flights there are, the greater the saving over conventional launch methods.

But Columbia has been grounded now for

six months. There was a near-disaster during the April launch, when an unexpectedly strong shockwave from her solid-fuel rockets almost tore out the control flaps on the vehicle's delta-wings. That necessitated complete overhaul of the shock-suppression system.

Last month a jammed valve caused a spill of corrosive nitrogen tetroxide over the ship's 31,000 heat-resistant tiles: 400 had to be replaced. Then came the recent "scrub," caused by an oil seepage that threatened the crucial auxiliary power system.

These problems have sent the shuttle's military and commercial clients scurrying back to conventional rocket-makers to get their satellites into space on time. About 200 satellites are circling earth, and another 600 are expected to be in place by 1986.

One winner in the game is likely to be France, which is conducting an aggressive campaign in the U.S. to sell its Ariane rocket at bargain prices. "The shuttle's a beautiful bird," said Bob Rennie, sales chief for

Ariane in the U.S., "but communications firms are very competitive. Do you wait for the bus or call a cab?"

"We just can't rely too heavily on the shuttle," said one USAF officer. "A complete wipe-out of one craft at Vandenberg could endanger the nation's security. We need alternative systems."

The air force has had troubled relations with NASA since formation of the civilian agency thwarted its own space ambitions 20 years ago. But the official air force position remains that NASA's shuttle is an essential part of the \$3 billion-a-year military space program. It could be used as a space hunter, seeking out and destroying enemy satellites, or even planting nuclear weapons in orbit.

The Vandenberg base is vital to the military projects, since only from here can shuttle be safely launched into a polar orbit that allows surveillance of the Soviet Union.

NASA's chief, James Beggs, is pleading with the Reagan Administration "not to make further cuts in 1983 that would reduce the number of launches to 22."

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CIA scraps analytical reports

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11 (AP) — The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency has decided to stop publishing analyses for general public consumption because they take too much time to prepare and draw too much attention to the agency, a spokesman said Tuesday.

Among the things to be dropped: Widely read and controversial studies of international terrorism and estimates of future Soviet oil production.

Spokesman Dale Peterson said the decision, which does not apply to publication of unclassified statistical data, stemmed from a review ordered by CIA Director William J.

Casey.

The analytical reports began appearing in the late 1960s and their frequency accelerated under Casey's predecessor, Stansfield Turner. Peterson said they all were derived from classified reports for government officials.

Peterson said the statistical reports would continue because they were easier to produce in unclassified versions. He said a secondary reason for the decision was Casey's view that "an intelligence agency should maintain a low profile."

The last terrorism report was produced

earlier this year and contained a new definition of terrorism which increased the reported number of incidents. The new definition was the result of increased attention to the problem from top Reagan administration officials, including Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

The book-length report was virtually the only single source of data comparing trends and giving figures for violent attacks and a geographic breakdown of terrorism.

In 1977, the CIA predicted the Soviet Union would begin importing oil by 1985. After that assessment spawned a stream of public comment, the agency revised its estimates and forecast the Soviets would not be competing for Middle Eastern and other foreign oil during the 1980s.

Salvador poll set for March

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, Nov. 11 (AP) — Elections in this war-torn Central American country will be held March 21 next year regardless of the situation in any of the nation's 14 provinces, spokesmen for a committee drafting a new election law announced Tuesday.

Members of a seven-party committee, appointed by the government to rewrite election laws, told the Associated Press the government will follow through on its plan to hold elections despite the political violence that has claimed an estimated 32,000 Salvadoran lives in the last two years.

The spokesmen, who asked not to be identified because terms of the so-called transitional electoral law will not be made public until Friday, said elections will help lead to the "pacification" of the country. The March 21 election will not be for president, but for an assembly which will draft a new constitution.

Elections are not "a panacea for the government's problems," one member of the forum said, "but they leave the door open so

that the contestive youth of the country abandon violence and join in the process of pacification."

Critics of the U.S.-backed junta's plan to hold elections say free and democratic elections are not possible in a climate of fear and violence. Many opposition politicians have been assassinated in the last 12 months.

Committee spokesmen said only minors, the mentally deficient and prisoners whose civil rights have been suspended will not be permitted to participate in the elections. All members of the armed forces will have a chance to vote, they said.

Seven rightist and moderate parties, all of which have equal representation on the elections forum, have said they will run candidates in the March elections.

The ruling junta has been in power since the Oct. 15, 1979 overthrow of Gen. Carlos Humberto Romero in a military coup. The decision to hold elections was first announced by Defense Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia last January.

London to Venice Orient Express to run again

LONDON, Nov. 11 (AP) — The Orient Express, the legendary train whose mystique and clientele created a spirit of elegance and romance on wheels, will be revived next year, it has been announced.

Thirty-five carriages, scattered and neglected since the train stopped running in 1977 after a fabled century, have been luxuriously restored to provide a first class service between London and Venice.

The train will pass through Paris and the Simplon Pass linking Switzerland and Italy in a 24-hour trip recalling the heyday of the Orient Express in the 1920s and 1930s.

"This train will be known as the finest in the world," said James Sherwood, president of Sea Containers Services Ltd., a London-based shipping group which has acquired and restored the carriages and will operate the new service in cooperation with four state railways. The first departure is planned for May 28, 1982.

The journey on the renamed Venice-Simplon Orient Express will cost 250 pounds (\$470) one-way, plus meals and other extras — 22 pounds (\$41 more than the first-class air fare between London and Venice.

"Before we bought the carriages, we commissioned market research team to find out how much people would pay for a trip like this," said a confident Sherwood. "In every case, they gave a higher figure than the one we are charging."

The new Orient Express can carry 194 passengers and will follow the route of the original, adding a stop in Milan and going no further than Venice. "There was no demand to travel on to Istanbul like the old train," Sherwood said Tuesday.

Sherwood said his company will have spent \$20 million on the project by the time the train makes its inaugural journey. More than 2,000 reservations have been taken, he said, and a reservation office will be set up in New York soon.

Four of the carriages, sparkling down to the last brass handle, were on view at London's Victoria Station Tuesday.

The train will run twice a week London to Venice and back, and three times a week on the Paris-Venice sector. Orient Express passengers will have a reserved section of the cross-channel ferry between France and England.

British, Irish premiers denounced

LONDON, Nov. 11 (AP) — The British and Irish prime ministers seeking to improve Anglo-Irish relations were denounced Tuesday by critics in their own parliaments, while in British-ruled Northern Ireland the sectarian conflict between Protestants and Roman Catholics claimed yet another life.

Police in Armagh city reported a former member of the Ulster Defense Regiment was shot to death as night fell, the fourth attack in two days on the predominantly Protestant militia. He was the 118th UDR member or former member killed since the regiment was formed in 1971.

In other attacks in the border region with the Irish Republic, two UDR men were shot and seriously wounded Monday and Tuesday and the teenage son of a third was killed Sunday by a booby-trap bomb in his father's car. All the attacks were blamed on the mainly Catholic guerrillas of the Irish Republican Army.

In the House of Commons in London, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was called a "traitor and a liar" by Protestant hard liner Rev. Ian Paisley when she said that last week's agreement with Irish Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald to set up an Anglo-Irish council "involves no change whatever in the constitutional position."

In the Dail, the Irish parliament in Dublin, Fitzgerald was accused by former opposition leader Charles Haughey of over-optimism about the council, which Haughey said had not altered the Northern Ireland problem "one jot."

Fitzgerald told the Dail that his London

talks with Mrs. Thatcher brought the two governments close to agreement. He said the key achievements were the setting up of the intergovernmental Anglo-Irish council to develop relations and a few pledge by Britain on the eventual unity of Ireland if a majority in the north agrees.

"I think it's the biggest thing around the country on the campuses in a long, long while," said Lois Traub, a spokeswoman for the Union of Concerned Scientists, a Cambridge-based organization sponsoring the nationwide rally.

U.S. colleges debate N-war

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts, Nov. 11 (AP) — College campuses around the United States were holding lectures, music and even puppet theater Wednesday to dramatize the horror and threat of nuclear war in what sponsors call the biggest teach-in since Vietnam War days.

Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology scheduled talks on the economics of the nuclear arms race by Nobel prize-winning economist Paul Samuelson, and a discussion of the status of nuclear disarmament by Paul Warnke, the former chief SALT II negotiator for the United States.

Other scheduled speakers included George Kistiakowsky, former science adviser to President Dwight Eisenhower; Dr. Helen Caldwell, president of Physicians for Social Responsibility, and Gen. James Gavin, a former ambassador to France. Films depicting the horrors of nuclear war will be screened by the Harvard School of Public Health.

Other campuses planned similar sessions that also included music and street theater.

Astronomer Carl Sagan and Sen. Gary Hart were scheduled to speak at Cornell University. UCLA planned films and a talk by Majvin Goldberger, president of the California Institute of Technology.

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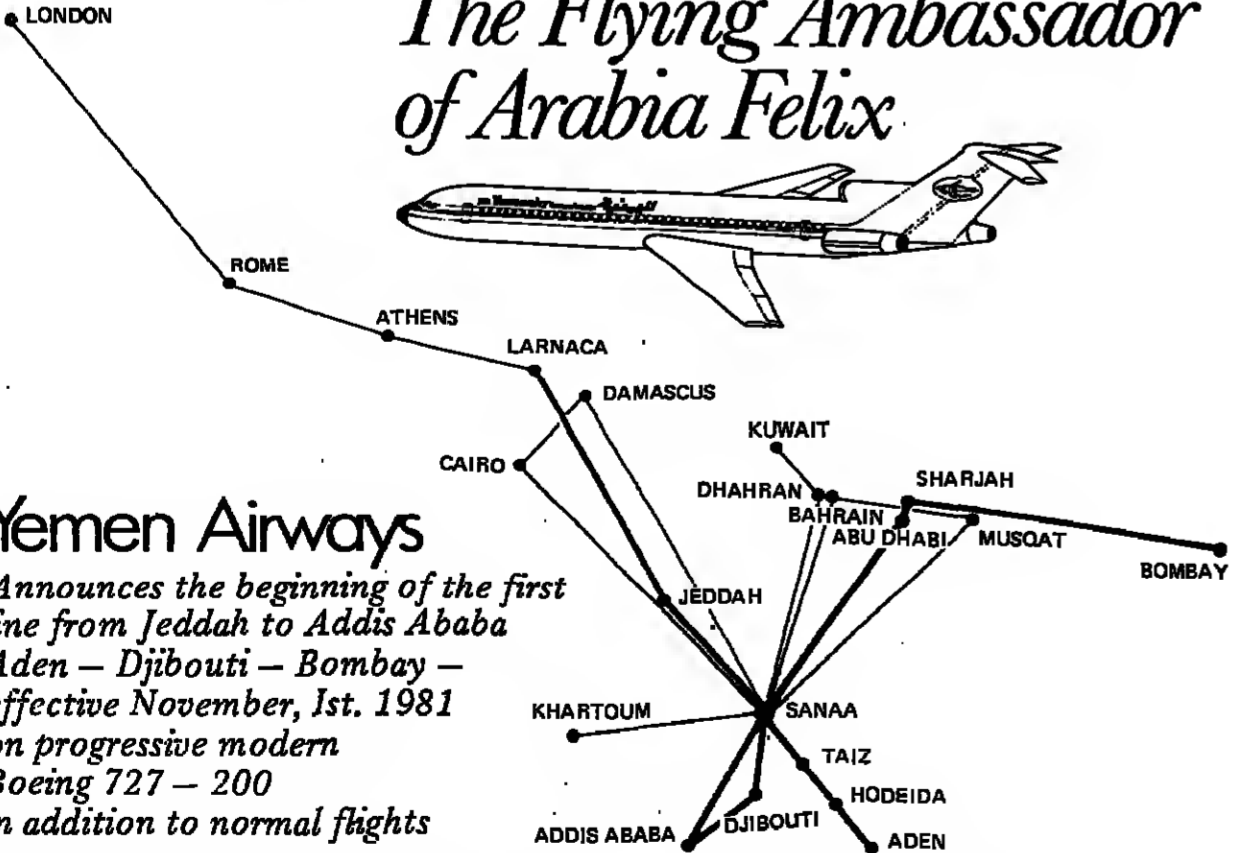
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Firm on economic policies

Reagan speaks of N-war limited to Europe

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11 (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan has repeated his controversial declaration that it would be possible for the United States and the Soviet Union to fight a nuclear war in Europe while sparing their own homelands from destruction. A similar statement made last month provoked widespread alarm in Western Europe and provided ammunition for the growing anti-nuclear movement there.

During a televised press conference Tuesday night, Reagan said: "I could see where both sides could still be deterred from going into the exchange of strategic weapons if there had been battlefield weapons, troop-to-troop exchanges there (in Europe)." He emphasized that this was only a hypothetical possibility and that the maintenance of Western military power was the best means of assuring peace.

The president also said he did not know whether NATO war contingency plans currently called for firing a "demonstration" nuclear shot to stop a Soviet advance into Western Europe.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger last week publicly differed over whether the "warning shot" scheme was part of NATO policy.

Reagan said there seemed to be "some confusion" on the issue. White House spokesman Larry Speakes said after the press

conference that the president had been fully briefed on the matter and meant to say he knew the answer but did not intend to discuss it publicly.

Asked whether the administration was considering intervening militarily in Libya and Cuba, Reagan said: "We have no plans for putting Americans in combat any place in the world and our goal is peace."

He also said there are no plans for U.S. military intervention in El Salvador and said his administration will work for elections to resolve that country's problems. But he said there may be "something of a stalemate" militarily between government and guerrilla forces.

He said the guerrillas have shifted tactics "to trying to bring down the government by destroying the economy." He also said they have "failed miserably to bring the populace over on their side."

Reagan also denied there was any disarray among his foreign policy advisers. Haig had said publicly through his spokesman last week that an unidentified official in the White House was conducting a "guerrilla campaign" against him.

"There is no bickering or backstabbing going on," Reagan said. "We're a very happy group," the statement brought laughter from the reporters attending the news conference. Reagan did say there was "too much just loose talk going around" but that it "has been

exaggerated out of all reality."

Reagan said he was determined to stick with his economic policies and threatened to veto any legislation that would push American government spending out of control. The government spending, he said, was still rising too rapidly. "It is imperative that Congress meet its own spending targets," the president said.

The administration now anticipated that the current recession would lead end in the first half of 1982, he added. The president

declined to set a date for balancing the budget, despite his election campaign promise to achieve it by 1984. He said this remained a goal but that it was now unlikely because of unforeseen changes in the economic situation.

"I don't think that just the balancing of the budget could justify any means to obtain it," he said. It was wrong to keep heaping tax burdens on people since that tended to reduce productivity further. Reduction of government spending was the answer to bringing the budget under control, he added.

Saudi plan called 'hopeful'

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan has said that he continues to regard the Saudi Arabian peace plan for the Middle East as a "hopeful sign."

At the same time, he said the attempt to bring peace to the region must be based on the Camp David agreements, and U.N. resolution 242 affirming Israel's right to exist within secure and recognized boundaries.

Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin's government has sharply rebuked the U.S. administration and the European Economic Community for speaking positively about aspects of the Saudi plan.

The eight-point plan, which calls for bringing peace to the region must be based on the Camp David agreements, and U.N. resolution 242 affirming Israel's right to exist within secure and recognized boundaries.

U.S. claims confirming lethal war in Indochina

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11 (AP) — A senior U.S. State Department official told Congress Tuesday the United States now has chemical proof that lethal toxin weapons have been used inside Laos, in addition to Cambodia.

Richard Burt, director of the department's Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs, said the mounting evidence of biological warfare by Soviet-backed regimes has "grave implications" for future arms control efforts.

Testifying before a Senate foreign relations subcommittee, Burt said U.S. officials are "certain" that chemical weapons including nerve gas are being used in Soviet-occupied Afghanistan. But he said the United States does not yet have "physical evidence" to confirm such reports scientifically.

For Indochina, however, Burt asserted that "we have confirmed the use of toxin weapons in Laos as well as Kampuchea." Since the U.S. government began voicing concern over chemical and biological warfare, he said, "critics have demanded that we produce the smoking gun...we now have the smoking gun."

Secretary of State Alexander Haig disclosed Sept. 13 that tests on a foliage sample brought out of Cambodia had shown abnor-

mally high levels of mycotoxins — poisonous substances produced by certain types of fungus not indigenous to the region. U.S. officials subsequently appealed to the United Nations for aid in investigating the biological warfare issue.

Burt testified that during the past few weeks, tests have been completed on three additional samples — one from the same Cambodian village as the original sample, and two others consisting of yellow powder scraped off rocks. All three of these samples reveal very high quantities of mycotoxins.

Burt said one of the Laos samples contained 150 parts per million of a particular kind of mycotoxin called T2. "This is almost 50 times higher than the level of T2 in the original sample of Kampuchea," he said. Symptoms typical of exposure to such mycotoxins, he said, include violent itching, dizziness, distorted vision, vomiting blood, then shock and massive blood loss.

Burt contended that in addition to direct Soviet involvement with chemical weapons in Afghanistan, "the Soviets are advising and controlling chemical warfare activity in Southeast Asia."

Family succession not bad, says Indian premier's son

NEW DELHI, Nov. 11 (AP) — "I have never really thought about" being the next prime minister of India, but family succession is not automatically bad, says Rajiv Gandhi, son of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

"Democracy is really what the people want," Gandhi told the New Delhi foreign press corps Tuesday. "If the people want to choose to follow a family, it's because they have a certain faith they won't be let down."

Gandhi, 36, who is also the grandson of India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, pointed out that "older democracies than us" have followed dynastic patterns.

"What is important to remember," he continued, is that family connection "only gets you an entry. It might last only one term in parliament. If you expect to go further, you have to show that you can do something."

A former commercial airlines pilot, Gandhi wet his feet in politics only a year ago trying to assist his bereaved mother after the death of his younger brother, Sanjay Gandhi, in a stunt plane crash. Rajiv was elected to parliament last March and quickly became a powerful and influential figure while retaining his quiet "Mr. Clean" image in this country where citizens and newspapers routinely brand politics as immoral and corrupt.

His soft-spoken, mannerly bearing continues to be contrasted with that of the pushy Sanjay, noted for throwing around his weight during his mother's rule and leading noisy demonstrations while she was out of power from 1977-79.

Asked how he likes being Mrs. Gandhi's heir apparent, Rajiv replied that this is something created "by the media". And the media, he added, have given Indian politicians a bad image. "A lot of politicians," he

said, "are good, hard-working people you never even hear of, not those making sensational headlines."

Gandhi said he strongly favors reforms and cleaning politics and government but the changes must come from within and from the public. "If our people sit at home and say somebody else is going to do it, nothing is going to happen," he said, adding that leading non-politicians "tend to talk a lot but... if they are really serious, why don't they tackle problems and try to do something?"

Gandhi readily agreed that there are faults, corruption and police atrocities in several states ruled by his mother's Congress Party. He said it is not so easy for the central leadership to oust state governments. It's really up to the people, he said, because an Indian state legislature is a "forum elected by the people. Should we get rid of it and say the system is corrupted? Should we not have an election?"

"In any democratic setup, you have to yield a certain amount to pressures of the population. If that is what they want, you can't tell them they can't have it," Gandhi said. India "really needs a thorough overhaul of our legal system. Laws are much too complicated. Cases in courts must be faster. Police get frustrated, they can't do anything."

Easing of India's notoriously complex bureaucratic regulations is also overdue, he said, and once it comes, it should liberalize the economy and reduce corruption. In the coming months, he said, "you might see something" in the way of relaxation of bureaucratic controls. "You have to convince a lot of people that controls should be reduced. We're trying to do it, but you can't bulldoze."

Wife said worth \$380 a week

LONDON, Nov. 11 (AP) — It is said that a virtuous woman is far more precious than rubies. But a leading British insurance company says she is worth 204.63 pounds (\$380.61) a week.

That's what the company calculates as the value of a wife's work at home, worked out at commercial rates of pay. The figure, published Wednesday in a survey sponsored by the company, is based on a 12 to 14-hour working day and a seven-day week.

It is calculated on basic wage rates paid commercially to cooks, child minders, waitresses, dish washers in restaurants, drivers, cleaners and other workers. The

survey is designed to highlight the cost to a husband if his wife dies without life insurance and he has to hire domestic help to keep the home running.

The pay is equivalent to that of an army sergeant major, a bishop of the Church of England or a fire chief, although they generally work fewer hours. Similar survey six years ago valued a housewife's work at 71 pounds (then worth \$157.62) a week, but since then inflation has taken its toll.

The average industrial wage in Britain for men is 140.60 pounds (\$261) a week of five working days of eight hours each. The equivalent for women is 91.40 pounds (\$170).

Malaysia probes affairs of officials

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov. 11 (AFP) — The Malaysian National Bureau of investigations (NBI) is looking into the affairs of a number of senior government officials and politicians, it was revealed Wednesday.

The agency could not give further details until investigations were complete, the deputy minister in the prime minister's department, Datuk Abdullah Abdul Rahman, said. The investigations did not discriminate between those in higher and lower ranks, and the bureau had a free hand to

investigate any case of alleged corruption, he added.

Former opposition leader Tan Chee Khoo, meanwhile, called on Defense Minister Mahathir Muhammad, who is also prime minister, to scrutinize all tenders for the purchase of arms before taking a decision. A bad decision would cripple an as yet unborn armored corps, he commented. His suggestion followed a report that the NBI was investigating certain top Defense Ministry officials directly involved in the purchase of arms.

BRIEFS

BACKERSFIELD, California (AP) — Two moderate earthquakes jolted an area north of Los Angeles Tuesday, rattling windows and shaking buildings but apparently causing no major damage or injuries. The first quake struck at 2:35 p.m. (22:35 GMT) and registered 4.5 on the Richter Scale at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. An aftershock at 3.9 on the Richter Scale came two minutes later.

BRUSSELS (AP) — A Belgian Air Force pilot died when his F-104 Starfighter jet crashed after an in-flight collision with another member of the team, the Defense Ministry announced Wednesday. The report said that the pilot was unable to eject after the collision during a routine training flight Tuesday. The other Starfighter made "it safely back to base."

JAKARTA (AFP) — Indian President Neelao Sajiva Reddy will pay a state visit to Indonesia next month, a presidential palace spokesman said Wednesday. Reddy is expected on Dec. 3 for a four-day visit at the invitation of President Suharto.

JAKARTA (AFP) — Indonesia has presented his outstanding service star to Dr. Hudson Silva, chairman of the Sri Lankan Eye Donors Society, for his contribution in sending eye corneas to Indonesia, it was

announced Wednesday.

SIBU, Malaysia (AP) — India is willing to assist the Malaysian state of Sarawak in developing its hydroelectric potential, India's high commissioner to Malaysia, Prakash Shah, said Wednesday. Speaking to reporters on arrival for an overnight visit here, Shah said India also is ready to establish joint ventures to develop Malaysian forestry-related industries.

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig is expected to visit India and Pakistan early next month following a meeting of the NATO foreign minister in Brussels, informed sources said Tuesday. An Indian Embassy spokesman said the dates for the visit to New Delhi had not yet been worked out.

BANJUL (AFP) — Four judges and four magistrates from Sierra Leone have arrived here at the Gambian government's request to help with the planned trials of 877 persons accused of involvement in a failed coup at the end of July.

PARIS (AP) — Abel Gance, the cinematic pioneer of wide-screen and stereophonic sound whose 1926 classic *Napoleon* still is acclaimed by audiences worldwide, died Tuesday night at his Paris apartment. He was 92.

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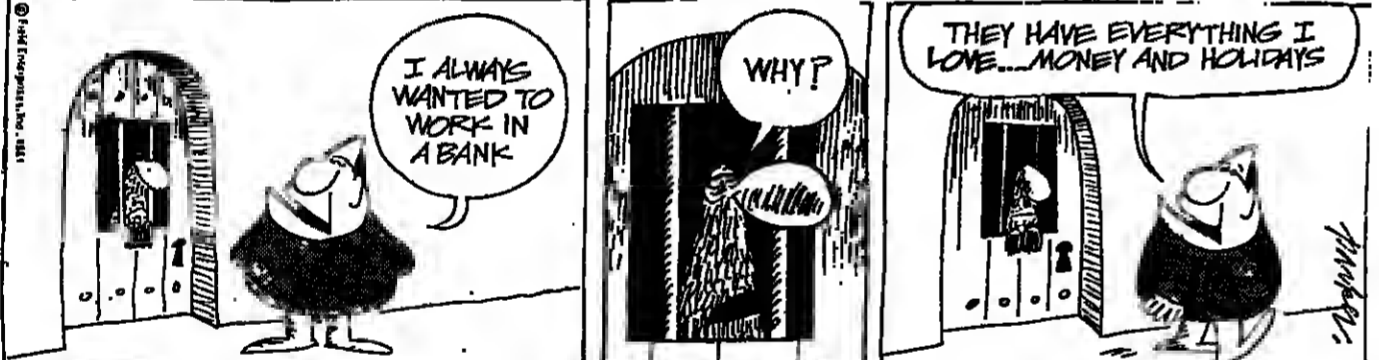
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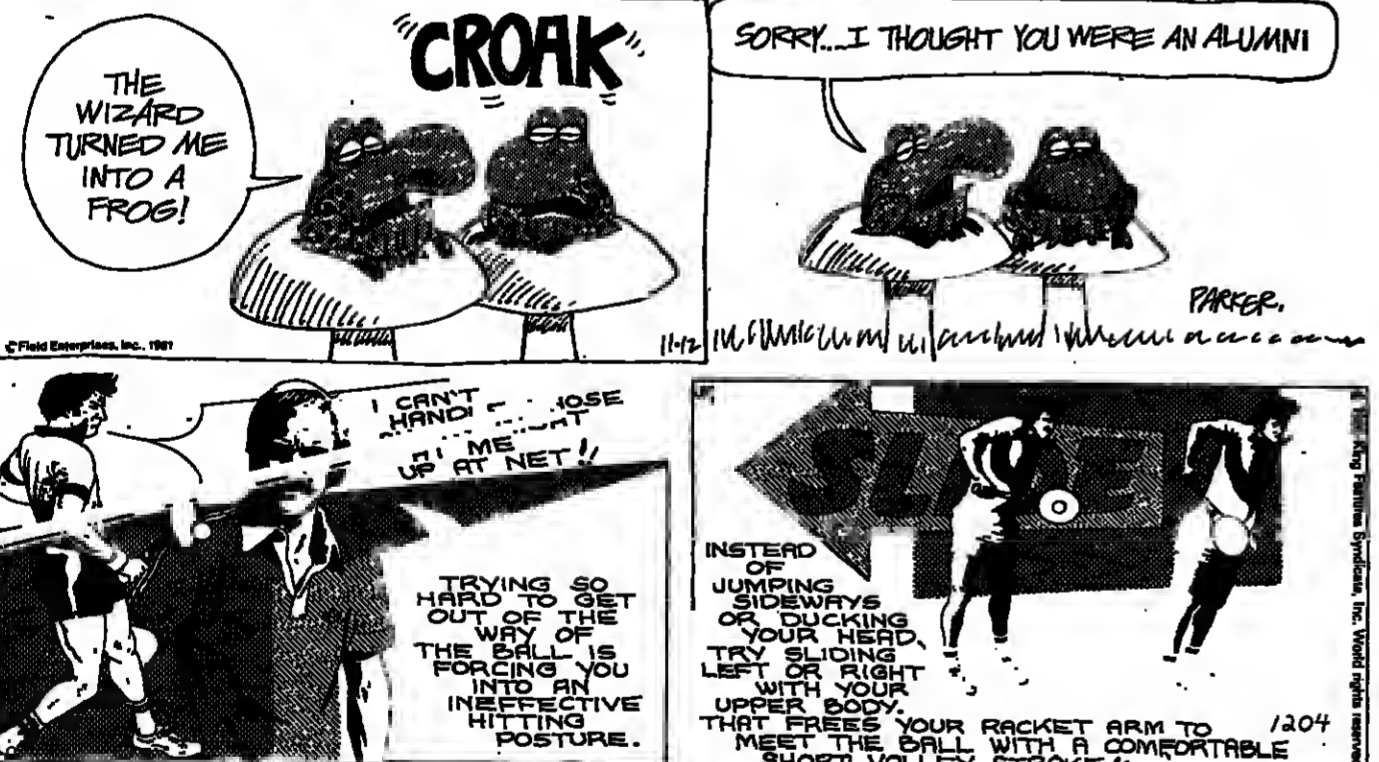
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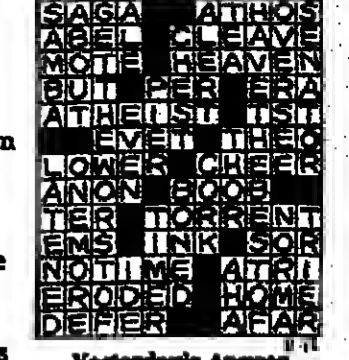
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by THOMAS JOSEPH

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